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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent continuation application of:

In re Application of:	Nelson et al.
Filed:	Simultaneously Herewith
Serial No.:	
For:	Mass Spectrometric Immunoassay
Atty. Docket No.:	530-012

Enclosed are:

- (1) A true and accurate copy of the original application including:
 - (a) Specification (50 pages)
 - (b) 20 Claims as amended in the enclosed preliminary amendment --2 independent, 18 dependent (please see preliminary amendment enclosed herein)
 - (c) Informal Drawings (14 sheet(s))
 - (d) Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - (e) Abstract
- (2) Preliminary Amendment


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This continuation application is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 1.78. This continuation application claims an invention disclosed in the prior filed copending non-provisional application, Serial Number 09/024,988, which was complete as specified under 37 C.F.R. § 151(a)(1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10, 1.53 and 1.78, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of 3/14/01, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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